



What This Measures:

Child care cost burden by household and the number of child care slots available for each child.

CHILD CARE ACCESS

There are up to 10 children under age 3 per one child care opening in Sedgwick County.

Source: Child Care Aware of Kansas, 2023 Child Care Supply Demand Report.

18.5%

Family households with one child under age 3, spent \$11,186 on average each year on child care, which is nearly one-fifth (18.5 percent) of the median income (\$60,593) across households in Sedgwick County.

Source: Child Care Aware of Kansas, Sedgwick County Point-In-Time Child Care Data, Generated on Sept. 24, 2023 and U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03.



59.4%

16,589 (59.4 percent) children under age 6 with working parents in Sedgwick County are without child care options.

Source: Child Care Aware of Kansas, Sedgwick County Point-In-Time Child Care Data, Generated on Sept. 24, 2023.

Why this is important: Child care is a **major household expense** for families with young children. Access to affordable and high-quality child care is essential for parents to be able to provide sufficient income for their family while ensuring their children's social and educational needs are met. **Affordable child care** in a community also **strengthens the economy** with a larger labor force and stronger tax base. *Healthy People 2030* has identified child care as a high-priority public health issue and is developing a specific target.

(Source: Kansas Health Matters.)

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